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The Honorable Nils J. Diaz
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of all of your fellow members of ASME International, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your designation by the President as Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

In its General Position Paper on Energy Policy, the Society stated that, "ASME strongly believes that nuclear power, a non-greenhouse gas-emitting resource, is a critical component of a diverse U.S. power generation fuel mix. Although we fully appreciate the issues involved with the use of nuclear power, the Society nonetheless believes that nuclear power should play a larger role in the nation's base power supply." As concerns continue to grow about the effect of power plant emissions on the environment, it is abundantly clear that increasing the use of nuclear power should be a focus not only within the Bush administration, but in Congress as well.

We look forward to working with the NRC on key issues such as nuclear power plant security, codes & standards, re-licensing of existing nuclear power plants, new plant design, safe storage of civilian nuclear waste, and on education issues such as those associated with the International Conference on Nuclear Engineering, which the United States will again host in Washington, DC, in April 2004.

Again, my sincerest congratulations, and best wishes in your new position.

Sincerely,

Virgil R. Carter